Digital Repositories

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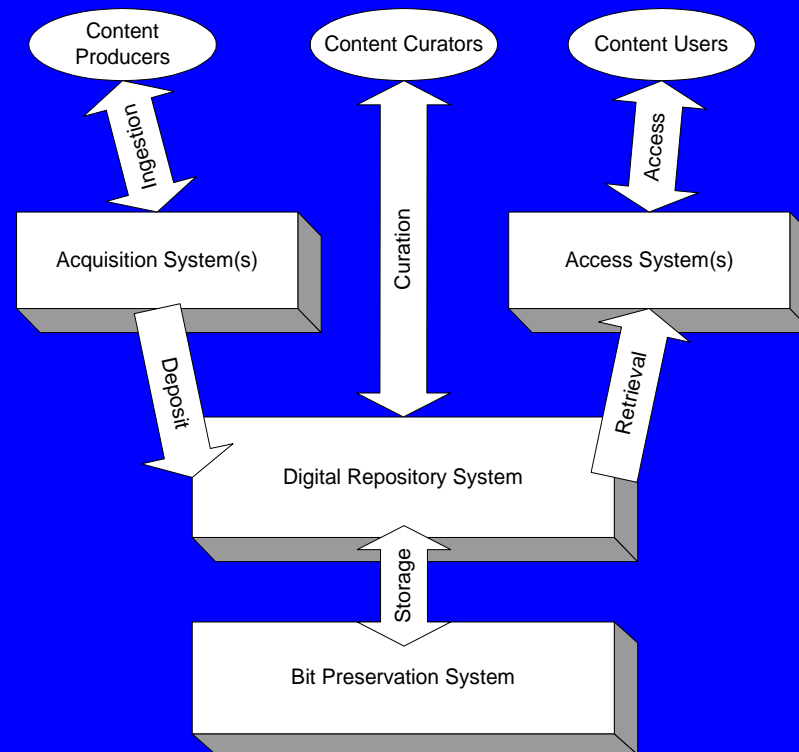
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Outline

- Repository: definition, scope, services
- Development environment
- Case: National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP)

Repository

- Software, hardware & processes that enable deposit, retrieval, & *preservation* of digital *objects*.

In the grand scheme of things!

Bit preservation characteristics

- Files & directories

- Storage management

- Data replication & backup

- Checksuming

- Storage media refreshing

Repository characteristics

- Objects & relationships
- Content management
- Meta-data
- Context
- Migration (format)

What is this photograph showing?
Who took it?
Who owns it?
When was it taken?

Preservation

- Identity
- Integrity
  - Fixity
  - Completeness

Authenticity

- Understandability
  - Readability
  - Intelligibility

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How is this document related to the previous photograph?

Content Model

- Objects
  - Identity
  - Intellectual content
  - Description (attributes)
  - Behavior
- Relationships
  - Identity
  - Definition

Services and functionalities

- Unique, persistent, global identification
- Object inventory & registration
- Object representation
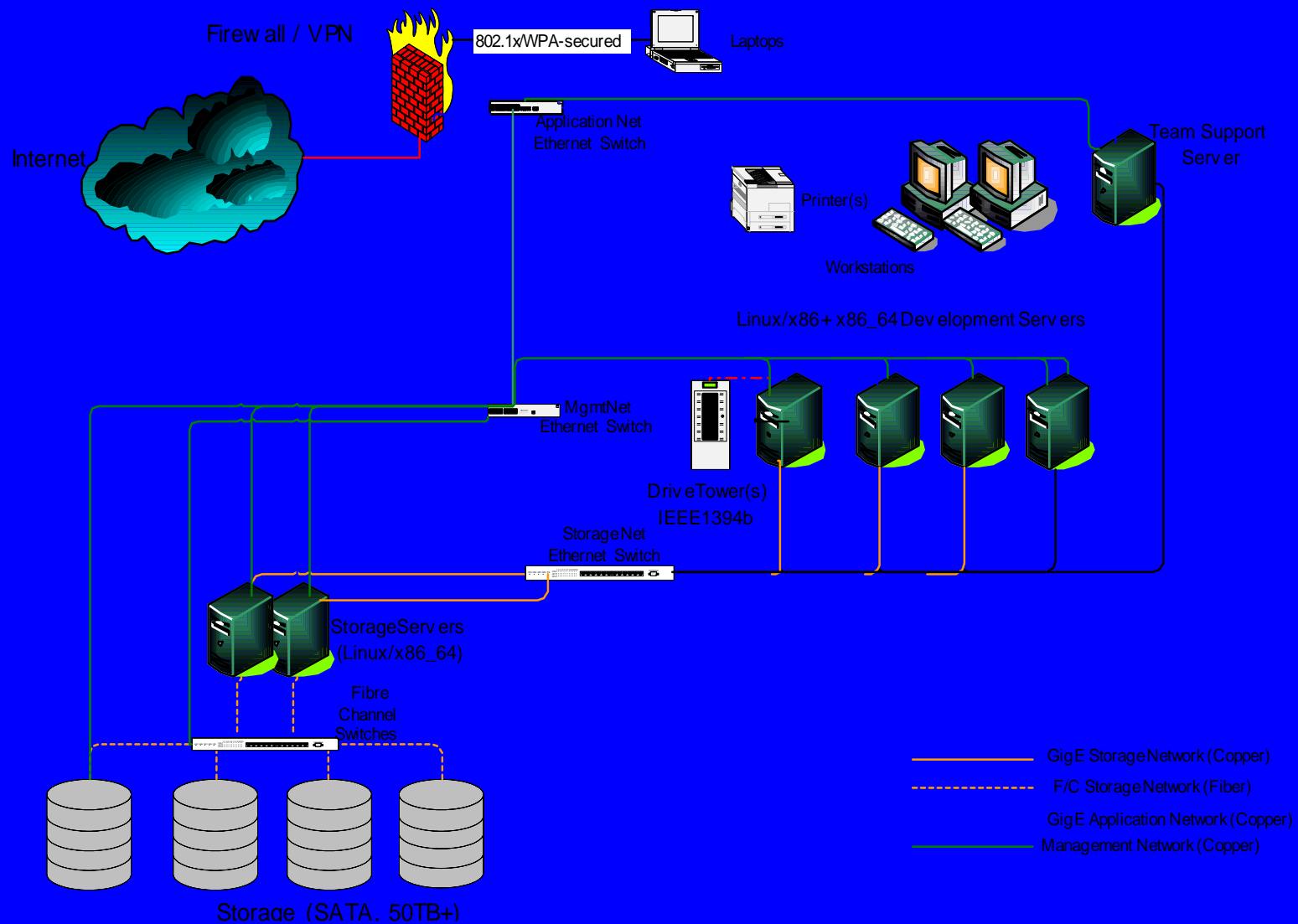- Continuous, bulk ingest (validation, tagging, registration)

Services and functionalities

- Automated migration (w/ validation)
- Version management
- Rights management
- Meta-data management (updates, content association, preservation)
- Search and retrieval (content & metadata)

Repository Development Center (RDC)

- Architecture
  - Commodity HW
  - Inexpensive
  - Scalable
  - Configurable
- Open Source
  - Content format
  - System software
  - Application software
  - Interoperable

RDC Architecture

Firew all / VPN

802.1x/WPA-secured

Laptops

Internet

Application Net
Ethernet Switch

Team Support
Serv er

Printer(s)

Workstations

Linux/x86 + x86_64 Dev elopment Serv ers

MgmtNet
Ethernet Switch

Driv eTower(s)
IEEE1394b

StorageNet
Ethernet Switch

StorageServ ers
(Linux/x86_64)

Fibre
Channel
Switches

GigE Storage Network (Copper)

F/C Storage Network (Fiber)

GigE Application Network (Copper)

Management Network (Copper)

Storage (SATA, 50TB+)

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Case: NDNP

- NEH/LC collaborative program
  - NEH: Funds the program ("We the People" initiative)
  - Awardees: Select and convert
  - LC: Aggregates, preserves and serves
- Content:
  - Granularity: Newspaper page
  - Model: Page, Section, Issue, Title
  - Materialization:
    - OCR'd text
    - Page image

Case: NDNP

- Volume:
  - 147,000 Newspaper titles
  - 63 MB/Page
  - 750,000 Pages
  - Total: ~50 TB's
- Delivery to LC
  - 500 Gb hard drives (approx. 8000 pages)

Current generation

- Formats
  - Page image: TIFF 6.0; JPEG 2000; PDF
  - OCR: XML, ALTO Schema

- Pre-Ingest:
  - Submission package tool
  - Validation tool
    - Visual
    - Automated
    - Authentication
    - Adding preservation metadata

Current generation

- Search and access
  - Full-text
  - Hit highlighting
- Repository prototype:
  - Ingest
    - Unique ID assignment
    - Automated file placement
  - Search
  - METS/MODS objects
  - Metadata

Next generation

- Delivery through Internet2
- Article-level granularity
- Object representation
- Preservation
  - Plans
  - Functions

Next generation

- Metadata
  - Support different standards
  - Preservation
- Scale
- Automated

Impact

- Modes of partnership
  - Funding
  - Production
  - Preservation
- Use & adoption of standards & best practices
- Open source architecture
- Large-scale preservation

More Information

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